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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

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Listing of Claims

Claims 1 to 18 (cancelled)

19. (previously presented) A method of treating a subject suffering from a condition selected from obesity, eating disorders, vasomotor flushing, cocaine addiction, alcohol addiction, and sexual dysfunction, comprising the step of:

providing to said subject suffering from said condition a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I:

I

wherein

R¹ is selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, cyano, carboxamide, carboalkoxy of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, trifluoromethyl, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkanoyloxy of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, amino, mono- or di-alkylamino in which each alkyl group has 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkanamido of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, or alkanesulfonamido of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

R², R³, R⁴, and R⁶ are independently selected from hydrogen, halo, cyano, trifluoromethyl, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkoxy of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and alkanoyloxy of 2 to 6 carbon atoms;

R⁵ is hydrogen or alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

X is CR6 or N;

a dotted line represents an optional double bond;

(O) represents optional oxidation; and

n is an integer 0, 1, or 2;

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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20. (previously presented) A method according to claim 19, wherein said eating disorder is anorexia nervosa or bulimia nervosa.

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- 21. (previously presented) A method according to claim 19, wherein said subject is a human.
- 22. (previously presented) A method according to claim 19, wherein R¹ is hydrogen.
- 23. (previously presented) A method according to claim 19, wherein R², R³, and R⁴ are independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, and cyano.
- 24. (previously presented) A method according to claim 19, wherein R⁵ is hydrogen or lower alkyl.
- 25. (previously presented) A method according to claim 19, wherein X is CR⁶.
- 26. (previously presented) A method according to claim 19, wherein R⁶ is hydrogen, halo, or cyano.
- 27. (previously presented) A method according to claim 19, wherein

R¹ is attached to the 6-position of the 1,4-dioxino[2,3-b]pyridine and is hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, cyano, trifluoromethyl, amino, mono- or di-alkylamino in which each alkyl group has 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms or alkoxy of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

R², R³, and R⁴ are independently selected from hydrogen, halo, cyano, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and alkoxy of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

n is the integer 0 or 1; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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28. (previously presented) A method according to claim 27, wherein R⁶ is hydrogen, halo, or cyano.

29. (previously presented) A method according to claim 19, wherein

R¹ is attached to the 6-position of the 1,4-dioxino[2,3-b]pyridine and is hydrogen, hydroxy or alkoxy of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

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R², R³, and R⁴ are independently selected from hydrogen, halo, and cyano; R⁵ is hydrogen;

 $X \text{ is } CR^6$;

N is 0; and

the dotted line represents a double bond; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 30. (previously presented) A method according to claim 19, wherein said compound is 3-{[4-(1H-indol-3-yl)-3,6-dihydro-1(2H)-pyridinyl]methyl}-2,3-dihydro[1,4]dioxino[2,3-b]pyridine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 31. (previously presented) A method according to claim 19, wherein said compound is 3-{[4-(5-fluoro-1H-indol-3-yl)-3,6-dihydro-1(2H)-pyridinyl]methyl}-2,3-dihydro[1,4]dioxino[2,3-b]pyridine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 32. (previously presented) A method according to claim 19, wherein said compound is 3-{1-[2,3-dihydro-[1,4]dioxino[2,3-b]pyridin-3-ylmethyl]-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-4-pyridinyl}-1H-indole-5-carbonitrile or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 33. (previously presented) A method according to claim 19, wherein said compound is 3-{[4-(6-fluoro-1H-indol-3-yl)-3,6-dihydro-1(2H)-pyridinyl]methyl}-2,3-dihydro[1,4]dioxino[2,3-b]pyridine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.